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1. HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE DISCUSS DEPARTMENT'S QUESTION WITH BEIRUT EXPRESS BUT HOPE TO DO SO SOON. HOWEVER, IN OUR OPINION THERE EXISTS NO REPEAT NO MEANS TO CROSS CHRISTIAN/MOSLEM LINE THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE SOME DEGREE OF RISK. SHIPS STILL MAKING REGULAR TRIPS FROM JOUNIEH TO CYPRUS. AT LAST REPORT, ADULT ONE WAY FARE IS LL 215 (ABOUT DOLLARS 85); AGENT IS EAGLE TRAVEL SERVICE ON MAIN SQUARE IN JOUNIEH. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS REMAINS SAFEST, SUREST WAY TO DEPART CHRISTIAN HELD AREAS AND SO RECOMMENDS TO AMERICAN CITIZENS INQUIRING HERE.

2. FURTHER REPORT FOLLOWS RE BEIRUT EXPRESS. WE WILL ALSO CABLE ANY POSSIBLE UPDATE ON FARES AND OTHER DETAILS OF CYPRUS BOAT TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS.
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